

State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a pre-hearing conference to consider administrative and procedural matters pertaining to its upcoming hearing on the Rialto-Area Perchlorate Contamination

The Pre-hearing status conference will commence on February 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Cal/EPA Building 1001 I Street Conference Room 350 Sacramento, California

and by telephone at

(916) 574-1755

BACKGROUND

Since 2002, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) has been conducting an investigation of groundwater contamination in the area of the City of Rialto. The focus of the investigation has been facilities located on a 160-acre site in Rialto. The Santa Ana Water Board Executive Officer issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order and subsequent amendments naming a number of responsible parties.

(See http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/pdf/05-53.pdf.) It is in the best interest of all participants that the hearings pertaining to this matter proceed in a fair, expeditious, and cost-effective manner. Any investigation and remediation should likewise occur expeditiously.

The Cleanup and Abatement Order is the subject of challenges in petitions filed by various entities named as responsible parties. In light of the various objections and appeals, and the need to take action in an expeditious manner, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has decided to review this matter on its own motion. An evidentiary hearing will be conducted by the State Water Board to determine whether to amend or reissue the Cleanup and Abatement Order for the investigation and remediation of perchlorate in the Rialto area, or take such other action the State Water Board deems appropriate.

PURPOSE OF THE PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

The State Water Board intends to hold a hearing on the Rialto-Area Perchlorate Contamination. The hearing will be held in the area of Rialto or San Bernardino, at a date to be announced. The hearing officer will conduct a pre-hearing conference on Thursday February 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m, to discuss the scope of the hearing, the designation of parties, and any other appropriate procedural issues. The goal of the pre-hearing conference is to ensure that the hearing proceeds in an orderly and expeditious manner. There will be no discussion during the pre-hearing conference of any substantive issues regarding the Rialto-Area Perchlorate Contamination.

LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

People may attend the meeting in person at the Cal/EPA Building or via telephone by calling (916) 574-1755. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Public parking is available across the street from the building. A map of the exact location is attached to this notice.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five (5) working days prior to the pre-hearing conference.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

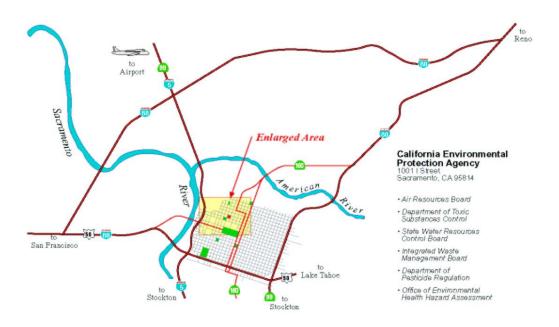
Questions concerning the pre-hearing conference may be addressed to Karen O'Haire, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5179 or at kohaire@waterboards.ca.gov.

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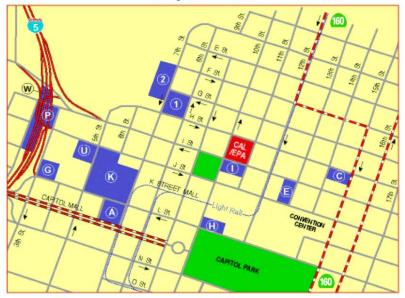
Clerk to the Board

Dated: February 13. 2007

Attachment



Parking Lot Locations



Parking Lot Locations

Lot 1 (7th & G St.)

Lot 2 (7th & G St.)

Lot A (7th & Capitol)

Lot C (14th & H St.)

Lot G (3rd & L)

Lot H (10th & L)

Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)

Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)

Lot P (2nd & 1)

Lot U (5th & J)

Lot W (2nd & 1 St.)